be conformed to a patient's airway during installation of the ventilation tube, and

d) fixing the location of the conduit in a trachea by centering the distal end of the jet tube which is provided with a centering mechanism formed with a plurality of flexible arms by causing the flexible arms to engage against the inside wall of the trachea.

24. The method as claimed in claim **23** including forming the metallic wire reinforcement as a coil concentric with the conduit and inside the conduit such that the conduit is supported on the coil.

25. A subglottic jet ventilation device comprising,

a) a flexible, elongated conduit formed of a combustion resistant plastic material having a proximal end portion and a distal end portion,

b) a flexible, elongated noncombustible reinforcement member joined to said conduit for a predetermined length of said conduit to enable said conduit to resist separation into separate pieces upon impact to said predetermined length of conduit by a laser beam, said noncombustible reinforcement member comprising a flexible coil positioned substantially concentric with said conduit and in contact with said conduit,

c) centering means for centering the distal end of said conduit in a trachea, said centering means including a terminal piece and a plurality of radially spaced segments of predetermined axial length and radial extent extending from said terminal piece and secured to the distal end of said conduit, and

d) each of said segments being normally bent at a predetermined bend portion located between said terminal piece and the distal end of said conduit allowing the bent portions of said segments normally to project radially away from the axis of said conduit.

26. A subglottic jet ventilation device comprising,

a) a flexible, elongated conduit formed of a combustion resistant plastic material having a proximal end portion and a distal end portion,

b) a flexible, elongated noncombustible reinforcement member joined to said conduit for a predetermined length of said conduit to enable said conduit to resist separation into separate pieces upon impact to said predetermined length of conduit by a laser beam, and

c) centering means for centering the distal end of said conduit in a trachea, and wherein

d) said centering means includes a plurality of leg portions extending radially away from the axis of said conduit, and wherein,

e) each of said leg portions has a wire reinforcement.

27. The subglottic jet ventilation device as claimed in claim **26** wherein said reinforcement member includes a noncombustible coil concentric with said conduit and in contact with said conduit and connected to said wire reinforcements.

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